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SUBJECT: MFA OFFICIALS ON CANADA'S OLYMPICS STANCE AND NEW ZEALAND'S
INTERNATIONAL SPORTS PROBLEMS

1. AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR RELATES THAT HE ALMOST SPOILED AN OTHERWISE PLEASANT LUNCHEON CONVERSATION JULY 19 WITH LIN PING (MFA AMERICAS AND OCEANIA DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR) BY MENTIONING THAT HE THOUGHT CANADA'S HANDLING OF THE TAIWAN ISSUE AT THE OLYMPICS HAD BEEN "O.K." (PU TS'O). LIN REACTED WITH WHAT FITZGERALD CHARACTERIZED AS THE STRONGEST LANGUAGE THE CHINESE HAVE USED WITH HIM ABOUT A FRIENDLY "SECOND WORLD" COUNTRY. LIN'S COMMENTS INCLUDED THE COMPLAINTS THAT CANADA HAD AT VARIOUS TIMES IN THE OLYMPICS AFFAIR HAD TAKEN "ONE CHINA AND ONE TAIWAN" AND "TWO CHINAS" POSITIONS.

2. ACCORDING TO ANOTHER AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY SOURCE ONE OF LIN'S DEPUTIES AT THE SAME LUNCH, MFA SECTION CHIEF TU KOU-WEI, ASSERTED THAT USA AND USSR WERE COLLUDING IN THE OLYMPICS TO PROMOTE TWO CHINAS AND SHOWED IRRITATION WITH
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PRESUMED AMERICAN PRESSURE ON CANADA.

3. CHINESE OFFICIALS AT THE LUNCHEON ALSO COMMENTED ON NEW ZEALAND'S PROBLEMS IN INTERNATIONAL SPORTS. TEXT OF AUSTRALIAN REPORTING CABLE FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT:

DURING FAREWELL LUNCH FOR CHINESE AMBASSADOR, CHOU CHIU-YEH, WITH AMERICAS AND OCEANIA DEPARTMENT OF MFA SEVERAL POINTS ON CHINA'S ATTITUDE TO TAIWANESE PARTICIPATION IN GAMES WERE MADE:

I) CHINA REGARDS TAIWANESE PARTICIPATION UNDER IOC FLAS AS ACCEPTENCE BY CANADA OF "ONE CHINA, ONE TAIWAN" POLICY AND AS SUCH UNACCEPTABLE;

II) PERMISSION BY CANADA FOR TAIWANESE USE OF INSIGNIA OTHER THAN TITLE "ROC" STILL LESS ACCEPTABLE, AS CONCEALING TWO CHINAS POLICY. ONE OFFICIAL ASSERTED THAT USA AND USSR WERE COLLUDING TO PROMOTE THIS POSITION AND SHOWED IRRITATION WITH PRESUMED AMERICAN PRESSURE ON CANADA TO COMPROMISE ITS, ALREADY DOUBTFUL, STANCE. REFLECTIONS ON CANADIAN VACILLATION REPRESENT STRONGEST CRITICISM OF FRIENDLY SECOND WORLD COUNTRY THAT WE HAVE HEARD.

ON KINDRED SUBJECT CHINESE CONFIRMED THAT THEY REGARD CHINESE BADMINTON TOUR OF NEW ZEALAND AS POST-PONED NOT CANCELLED; THAT CHINA CHANGED ITS PLANS IN RESPONSE TO LETTER OF APPEAL FROM SUPREME SPORTS COUNCIL OF AFRICA (?) WHICH WAS ALSO SENT TO NZ.

ASKED ABOUT CHINA'S ATTITUDE TO BOYCOTT OF OLYMPIC GAMES AS PROTEST AGAINST ALL BLACKS TOUR TO SOUTH AFRICA, TU KOU-WEI SAID HE THOUGHT THAT NEW ZEALAND SHOULD CONSIDER THE OPINIONS PROTESTING AGAINST THEIR ACTIONS, AND ADDED THAT NZ WOULD HAVE TO CHOOSE WHETHER IT WISHED TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT A GOVERNMENT WHICH "MASSACRES BLACKS."

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